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SUBJECT: ERITREA: GOS COMMENTS ON ETHIOPIAN
DELEGATION'S SECRET VISIT

REF: KHARTOUM 0652

1. AFTER DISCUSSING ETHIOPIAN AMMO RESUPPLY (SEPTTEL)
I ASKED FONMIN USEC MIRGHANI RE STATUS SUDANESE
MEDIATION EXERCISE. HE REPLIED RUEFULLY THAT ETHIOPIANS
WERE BEING "SLOW." AFTER SOME HESITATION, NOTING ADDIS
REGARDED QUESTION AS "SECRET," HE THEN ADMITTED ETHIOPIAN
DELEGATION HAD BEEN HERE LAST WEEK AND SAW NIMEIRI (REFTEL)
BUT HE SAID DELEGATION HAD ONLY COME "TO ASK QUESTIONS."
SUDANESE HAD RAISED QUESTION SOME PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE IN
PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS BUT HAD
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OBTAINED NO COMMITMENTS. DELEGATION NOW BACK IN ADDIS

AND NEXT MOVE UP TO PMAC. MIRGHANI DOUBTED IT WOULD COME SOON, AS COMMITTEE IS TOO LARGE AND UNWIELDY TO ACT PROMPTLY ON SUCH CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.

2. MIRGHANI CONFIRMED GOS NOW IN PROCESS DISCUSSING ERITREA WITH SOME ARAB GOVERNMENTS WITH VIEW TO EDUCATING THEM RE ADVERSE IMPACT UNCRITICAL ARAB SUPPORT FOR ERITREA ON ARAB/AFRICAN RELATIONS. AS TO ATTITUDE ELF/PLF, HE SAID SENIOR ELF DELEGATION HAD BEEN HERE SOME WEEKS AGO AND PLF REP (I.E., PRESUMABLY OSMAN SALEH SABBE) WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY. HE DID NOT THINK VARIOUS ERITREAN ELEMENTS HAD AGREED UPON COMMON POSITION BUT OPINED THIS SHOULD BE PROBED DURING NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN MADE PRECONDITION THEREFOR, AS ETHIOPIANS WERE DOING.

3. COMMENT: FACT SUDANESE HAVE NOT PUBLICIZED LATEST ETHIOPIAN VISIT INDICATES THEIR DESIRE DO ALL THEY CAN ENCOURAGE PMAC PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS ACTIVELY. ON BASIS REFTTEL AND MIRGHANI'S COMMENTS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT MUCH PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION HAS YET OCCURRED.

4. DEPT MAY WISH PASS MINIMIZE POSTS ON SECRETARY'S ITINERARY.
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